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THE ORACLE

The 1954 Oracle

Belchertown High School
Belchertown, Massachusetts

Yearbook Staff

Esther Pierce
Typing Editor

William Hubbard
Sports Editor

Robert Lindquist
News Editor

Donald Bock
Photography

Nancy Booth
Art Editor

Ann Young
Literary Editor

Lois Rhodes
Editor-in-chief

Robert Morse
Business Manager

In Memoriam

BRUCE ALBERT WALKER

Born March 15, 1936 Died October 29, 1948

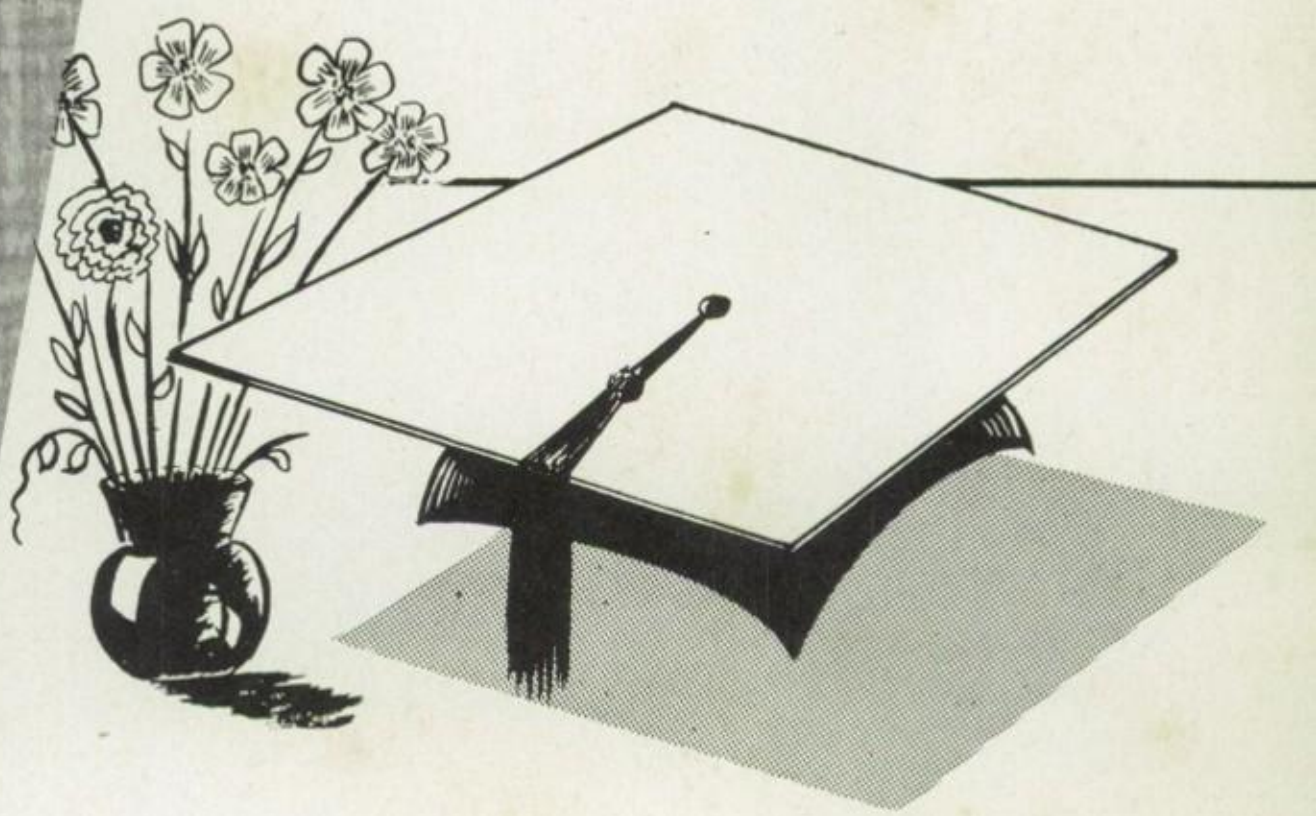
IMMORTAL YOUTH

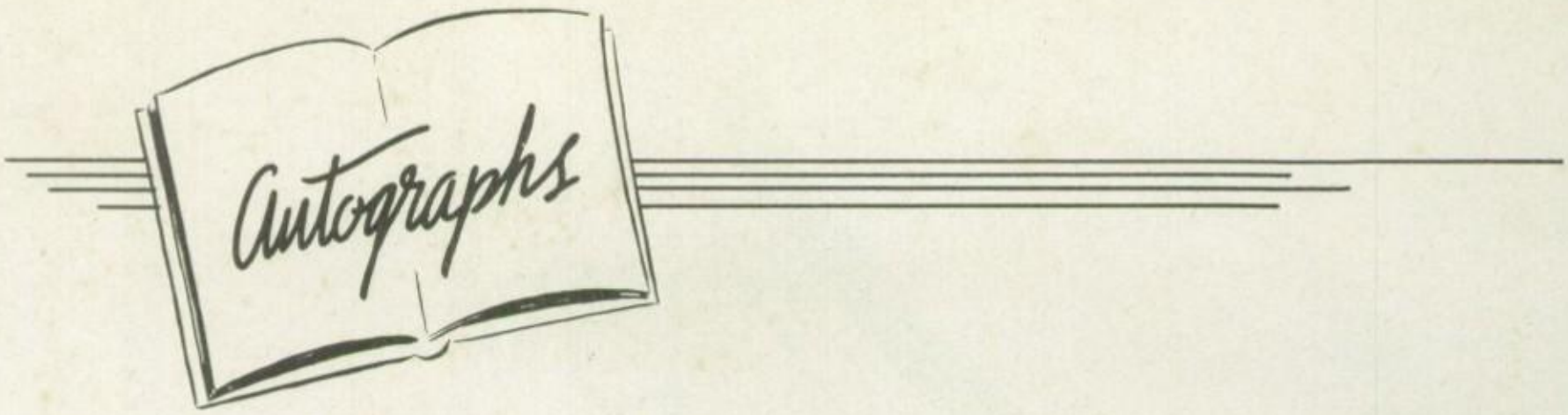
The stars shall fade away, the sun himself
Grow dim with age, and nature sink in years;
But thou shalt flourish in immortal youth,
Unhurt amidst the war of elements,
The wreck of matter and the crash of worlds.

"Cato"

Joseph Addison

Seniors

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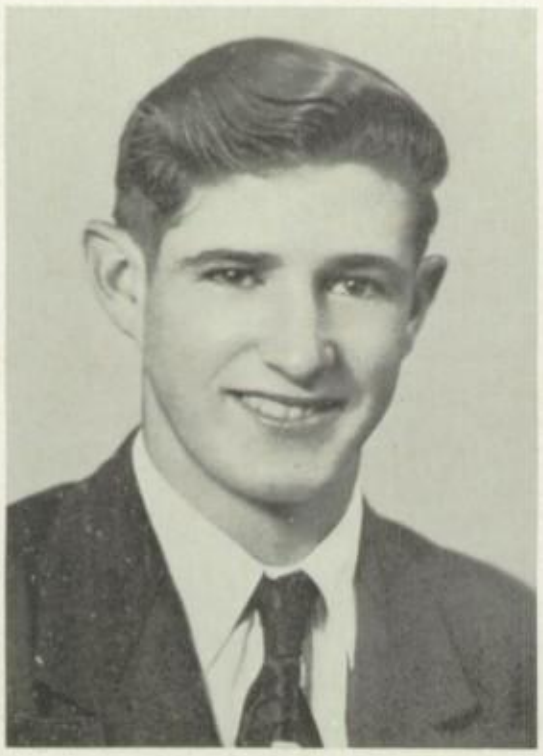
ELAINE LOUISE BENTLEY
"A quiet exterior conceals much."
May Queen Attendant
Dance Committees
Christmas Pageant

DONALD FRANCIS BOCK
"Least said is soonest mended."
Photography Editor of "Yearbook"
Paper Drives
Dance Committees
Junior Stand

NANCY EDITH BOOTH
"As sweet as they come."
Art Editor of the "Oracle" and "Yearbook"
May Queen's court
Secretary of Dramatic Club
Business Manager Curtis Magazine Drive

MARY ELIZABETH BROWN
"Women are never at a loss for words."
Dance Committees
May Queen's Court
Music Librarian
Paper Drives



CHARLES MYRON BUSH
"As he thinketh in his heart, so is he."
Paper Drive
Senior Float
Dance Committees
Junior Stand

SHIRLEY ANN CUTTING
"For she's such a bright, little, light, little mischievous lass."
Cheer Leader 1, 2, 3, 4
Pro Merito
May Queen's Court
Senior Float

DONALD HARVEY DUGRE
"Even though vanquished, he could argue still."
News Editor of the "Oracle"
Pro Merito
Senior Float
Paper Drives

BLANCHETTE EUNICE EATON
"The mildest manners and the gentlest heart."
Junior Prom Queen
Pro Merito
Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3

MADELINE MARIE FITZGERALD
"Full of spirit, full of fun, full of pep that gets things done."
Pro Merito
Latin Award, Elks Club Award
Literary Editor "Oracle"
Class Reporter 2, 3, 4

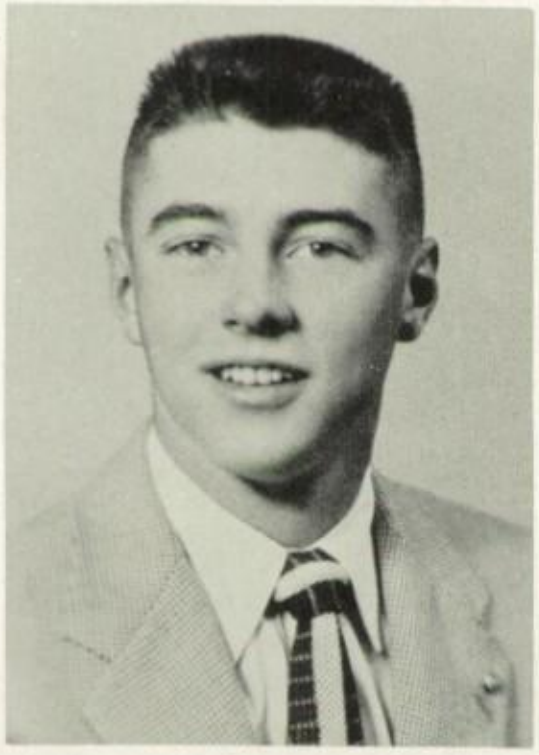
DAVID GEORGE HODGEN
"I'll be merry, I'll be free, I'll be sad for nobody."
Vice-President 3, President 4
Student Government Day Representative
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball 2, 3, 4

WILLIAM LYMAN HUBBARD
"And seems a saint when most I play a devil."
Class Treasurer 1, 3, 4 Vice-Pres. 2
Basketball 1, 3, 4, Baseball 1, 2
Pro Merito
Sports Editor "Yearbook"

JACQUELINE LOUISE KIMBALL
"Happy-go-lucky, easy-go-free, nothing on earth bothers me."
Christmas Pageant
Dance Committee
Magazine Drive

WILLIAM ALTON KING
"All things he loves but dancing most of all."
J.V. Basketball Manager 3
Varsity Basketball Manager 4
Band
Baseball Manager 3

CONRAD RICHARD KIRBY
"Away with Books! I will draw my inspiration from life."
Senior Float
Dance Committees
Junior Stand



ROBERT HENRY LINDQUIST
"Always working when there's need.
Ever ready with a kind deed."
Basketball & Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Class President 1, 2 Class Sec. 4
Associate Editor "Oracle", Pro Merito
News Editor "Yearbook", "Boys' State"

CLIFFORD WENDELL McGINNIS
"The hardest job in the world is trying to find the easiest job."
Paper Drives
Senior Pageant
Dance Committees

LELAND PHILLIPS MINER
"Life without laughter is a dreary blank."
Class Vice-President 4
Pro Merito
Senior Pageant
Dance Committees

BERNICE MISH
"Her days are bright as she walks her way, for she always has kind things to say."
Class Secretary 3
Alumni Editor of the "Oracle"
Cheerleader 2
Dance Committees

JOHN LAWRENCE MORROW
"Love many, trust few, always paddle your own canoe."
Sports Editor of the "Oracle"
Paper Drives
Dance Committees

ROBERT KILLIKELLY MORSE
"He's not very short, nor yet very tall,
But he sure can handle that basketball."
Class Pres. 3 Vice-Pres. 1
Basketball, Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Business Manager "Oracle", "Yearbook"
Pro Merito

ESTHER MAE PIERCE
"A girl who can work, a girl who can play, a girl who's a pal to you every day."
Pro Merito
Business manager of Crowell-Collier Drive
Typing Editor of "Yearbook"
Dramatic Club 1, 3, 4

LOIS MAE RHODES
"Ready for work, ready for play, always happy, good natured and gay."
"Yearbook" Editor
Associate Editor "Oracle"
Class Secretary 1 "Girls State"
Pro Merito
Junior Stand, Paper Drives

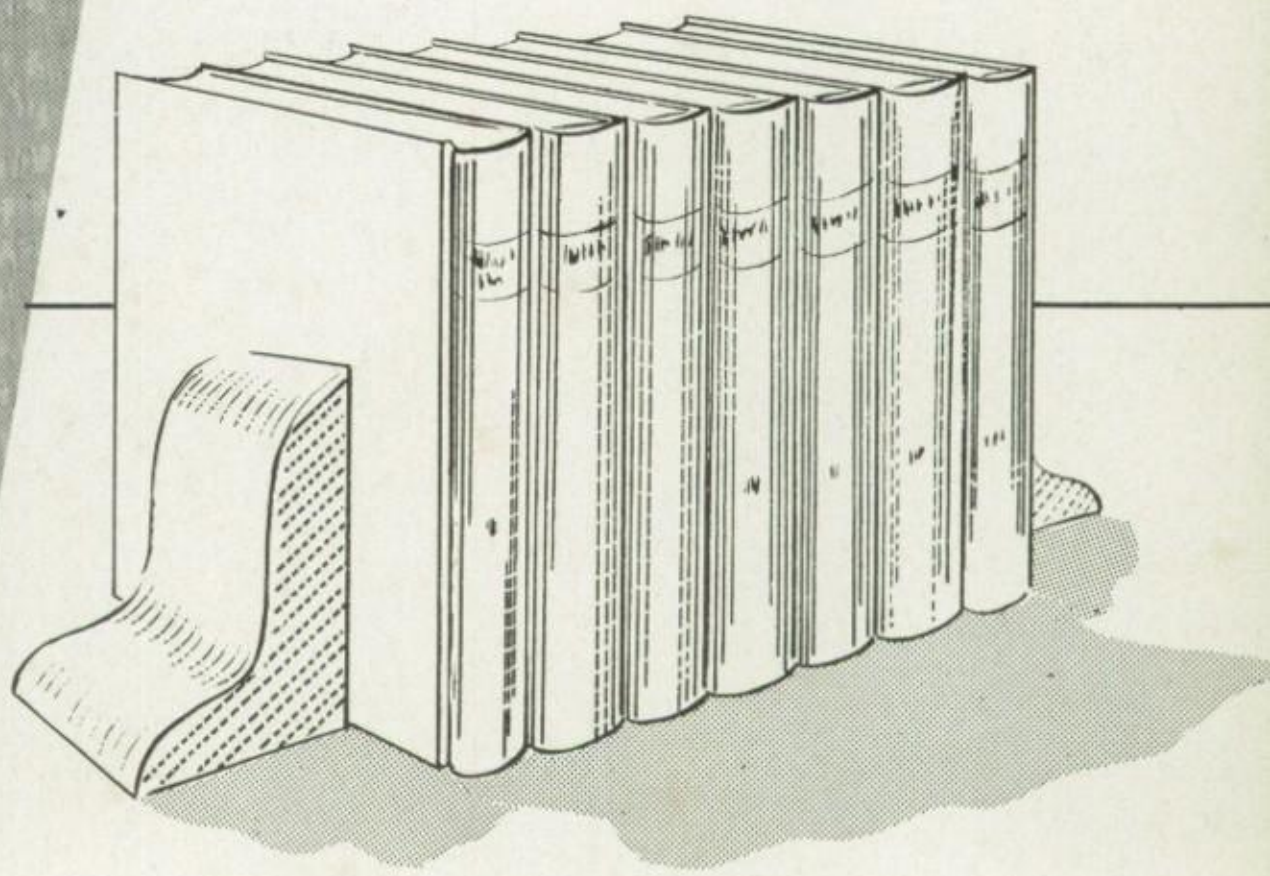
ANN JACQUELINE YOUNG
"A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men."
Pro Merito
Literary Editor of "Yearbook"
Latin Award, Nancy Austin Award
Class Secretary 2

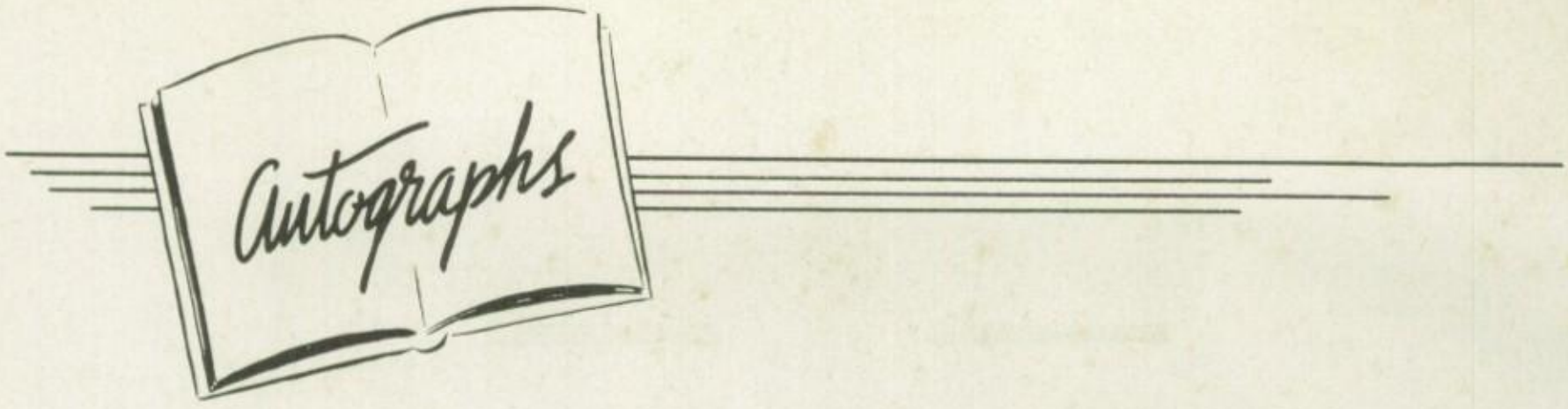
CLASS COLORS: Green and gold

CLASS FLOWER: Maroon carnation

CLASS MOTTO: The higher we rise, the broader our view.

Faculty

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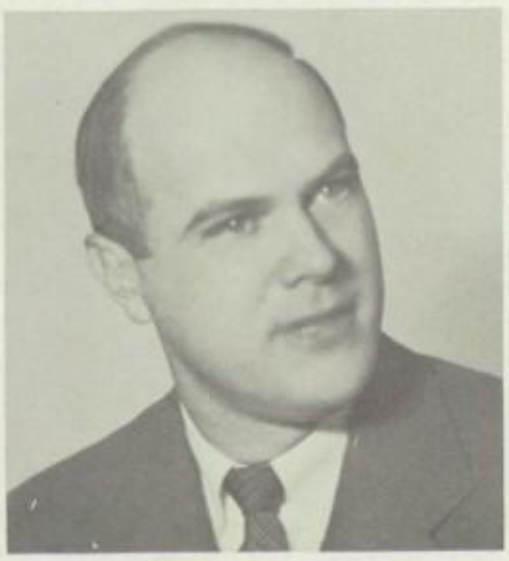
Principal

CARL PETERSON
Superintendent

ELWYN DOUBLEDAY
Vice Principal
Science Dept.



GERALD TREMAINE
Social Science
Math. Dept.

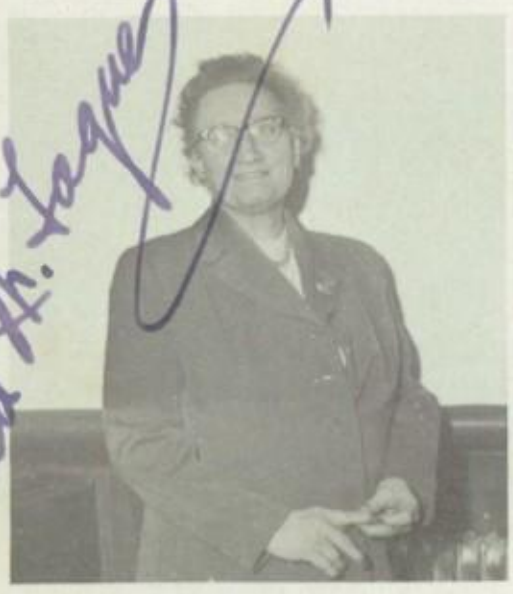
ANGELA LEGRAND
Class Adviser
Commercial Dept.

CHESTER EISOLD
Basketball Coach
Math. Dept.

CLARA COOK
Music Supervisor

ELIZABETH HULLER
Language Dept.

SOPHIA PERO
Language Dept.



ADA TAGUE
Social Science Dept.

DONALD GEER
Baseball Coach

FLORENCE JACKSON
Home Economics Dept.

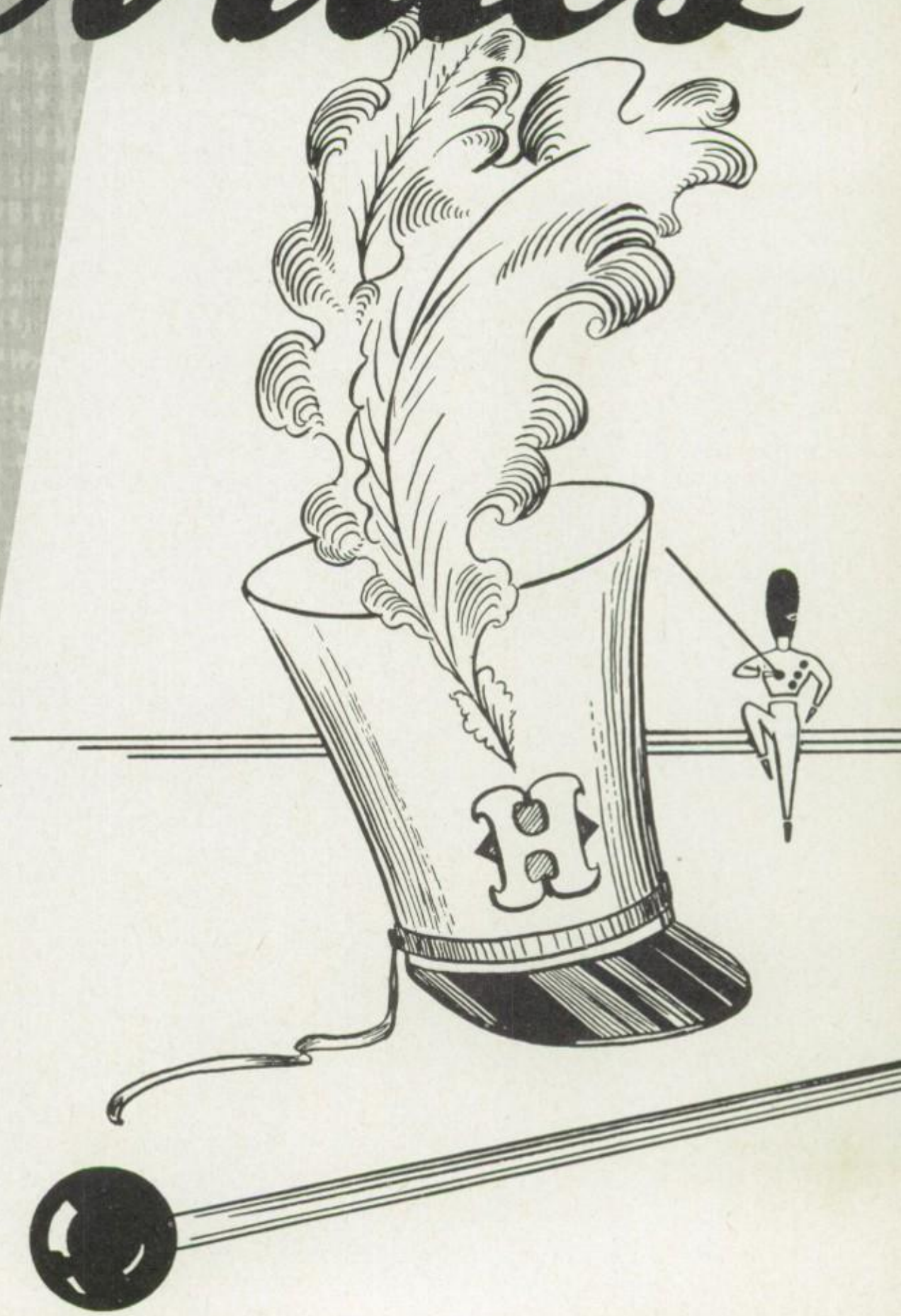
Juniors

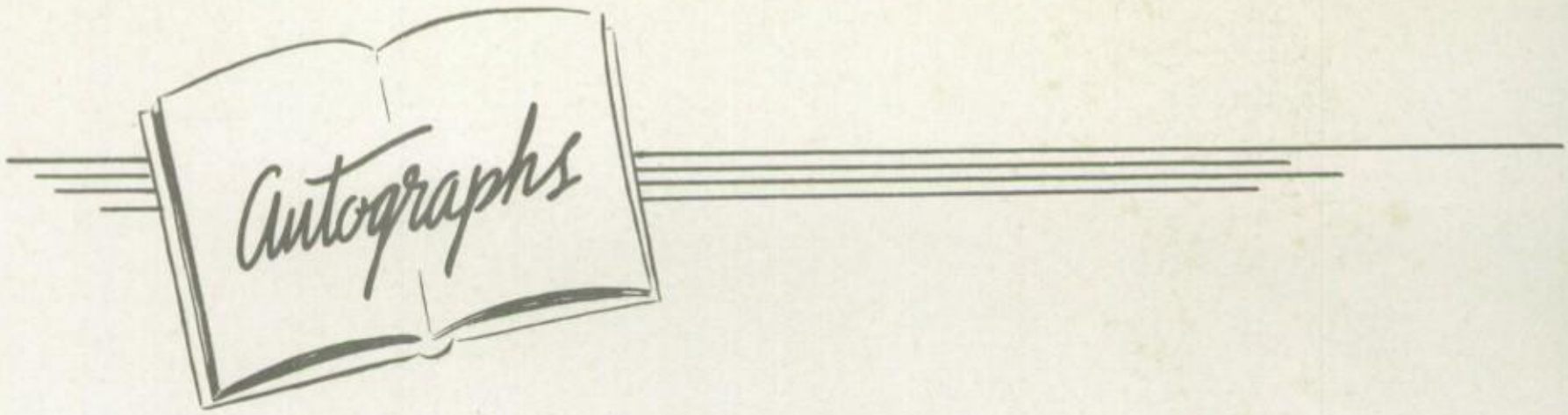
Sophomores

Freshmen

BULLETIN

Activités

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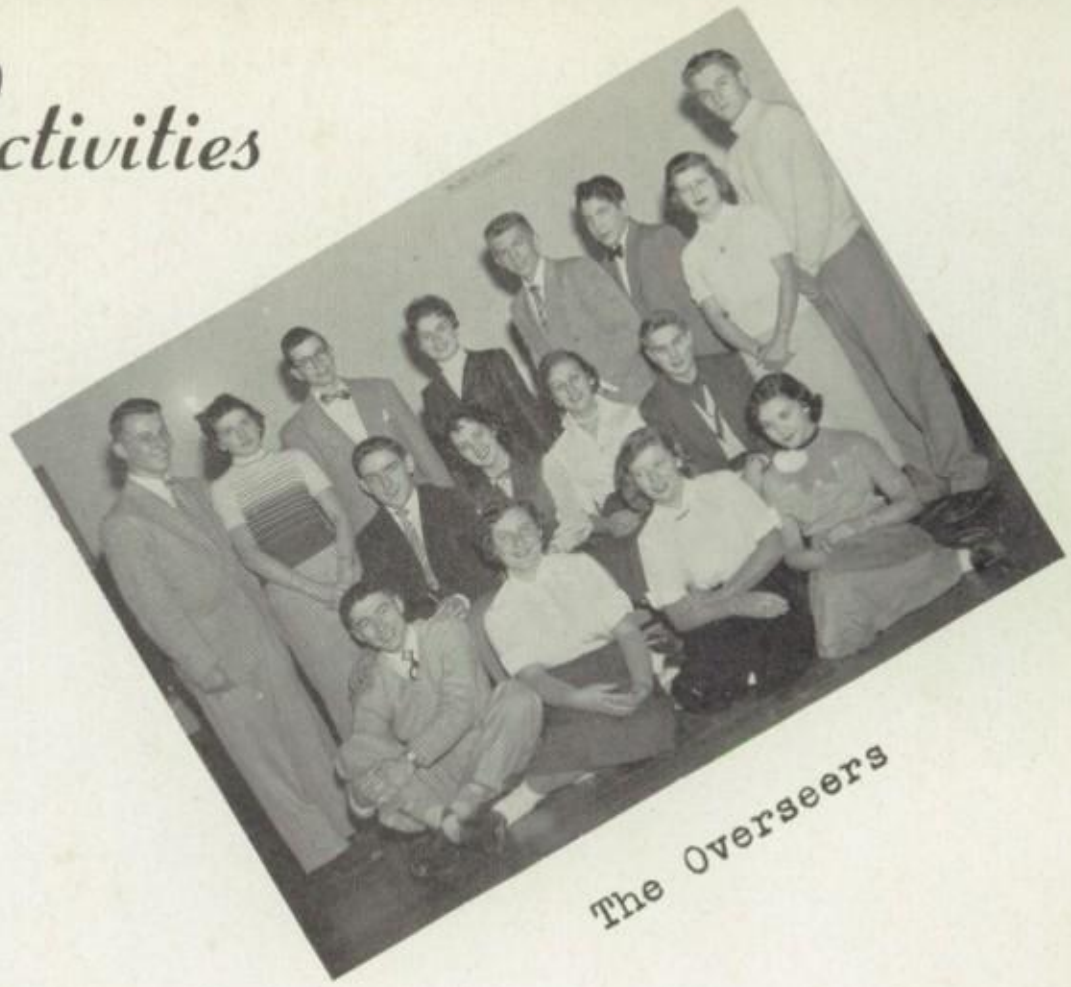

The Overseers

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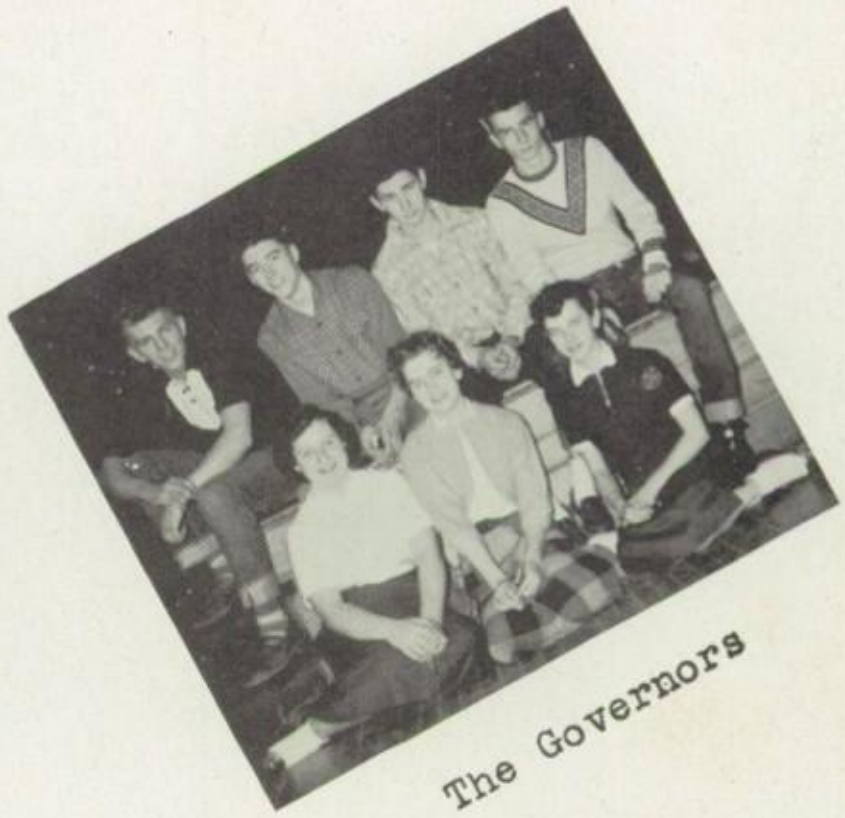
The Music Makers



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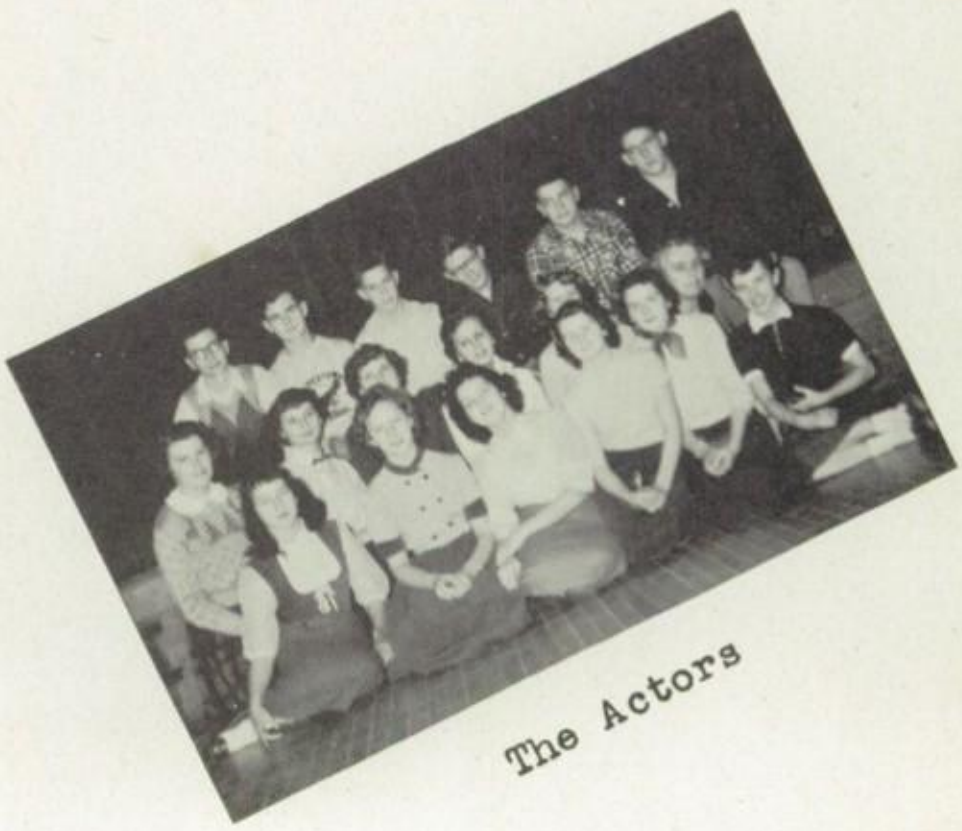
School



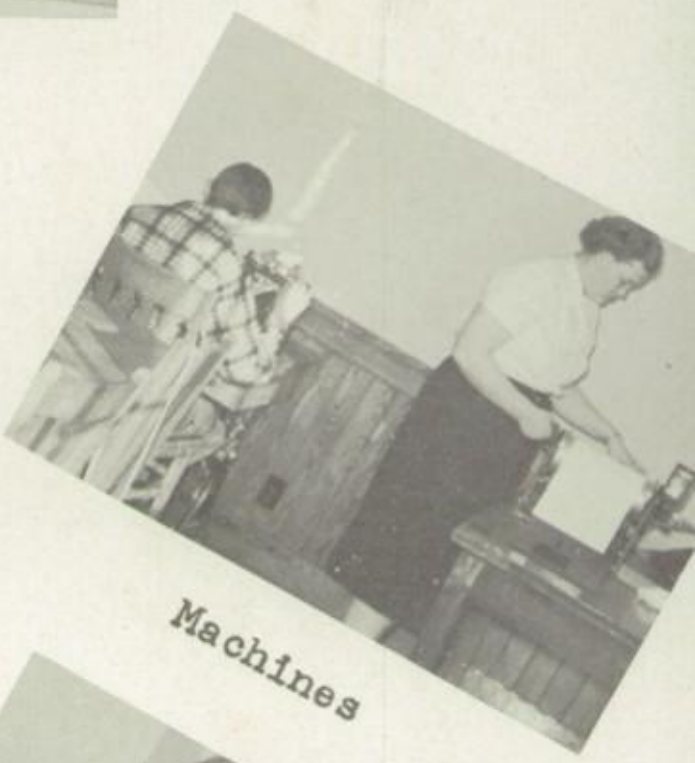
The Actors

Bookkeeping

Typing

Trigonometry

Adding Machines



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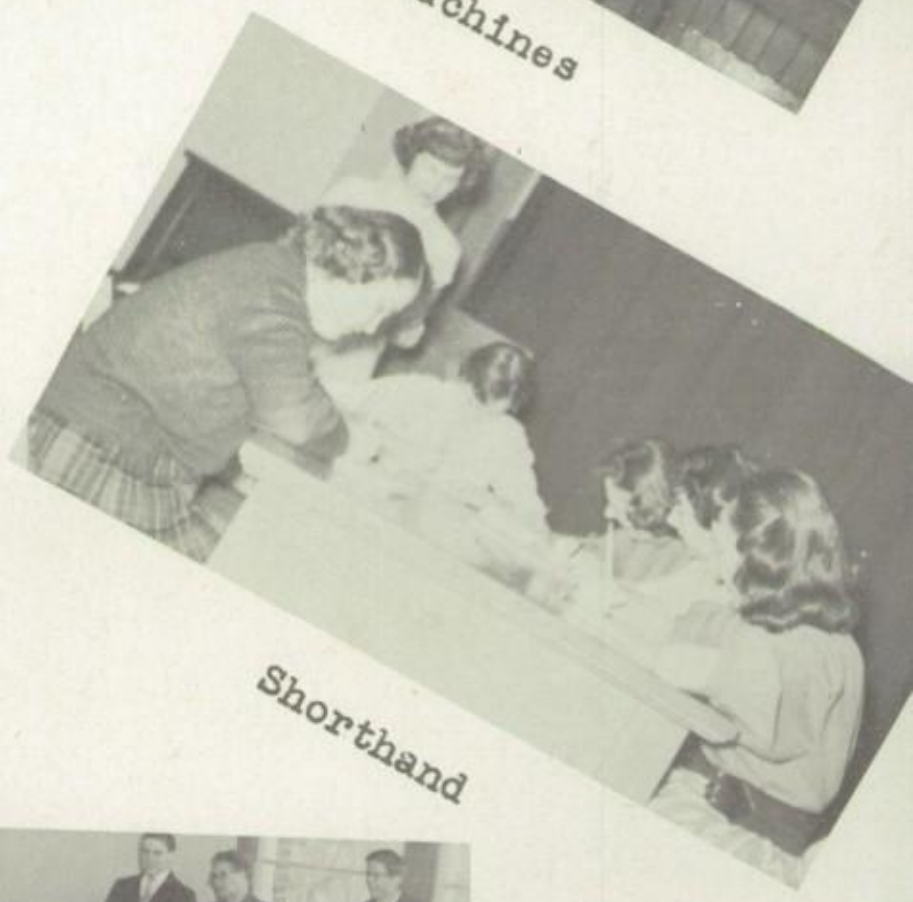
French



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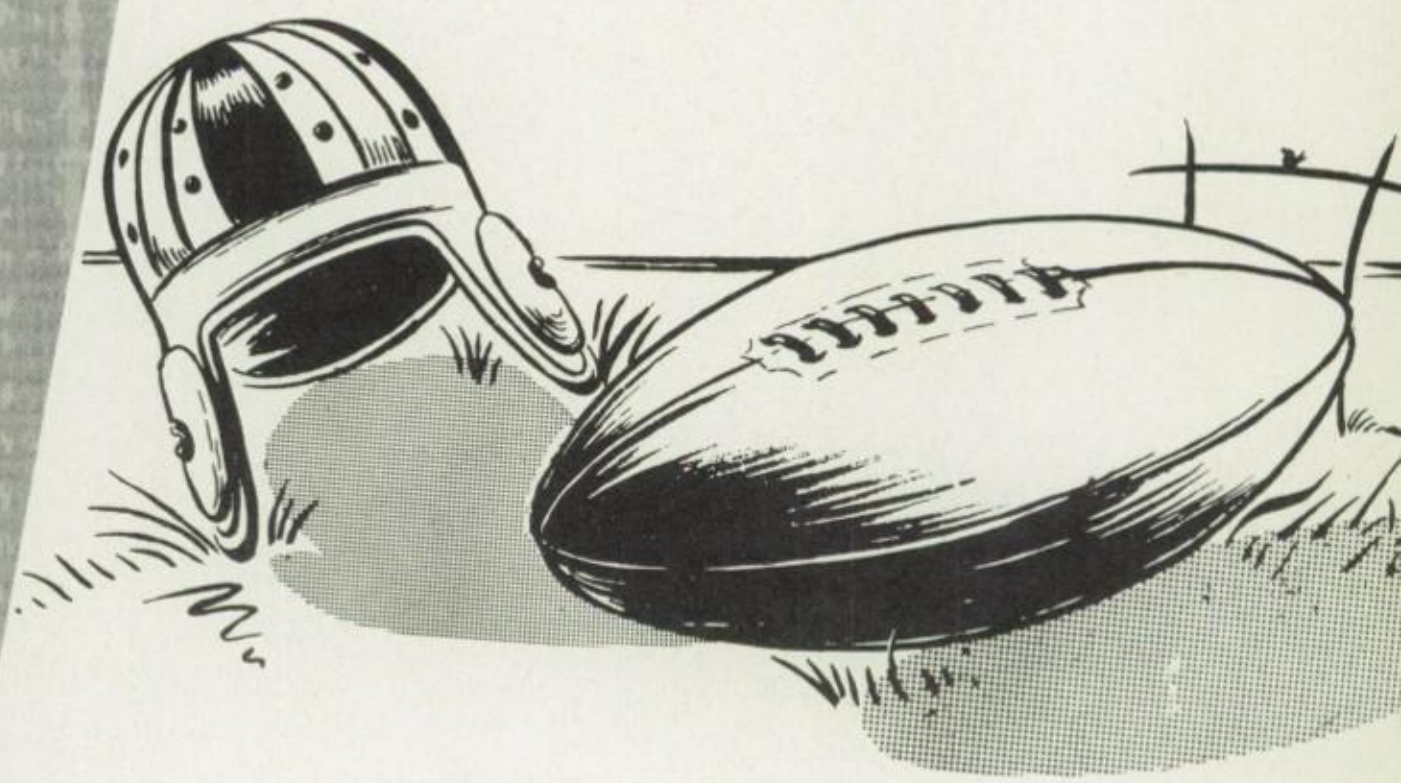
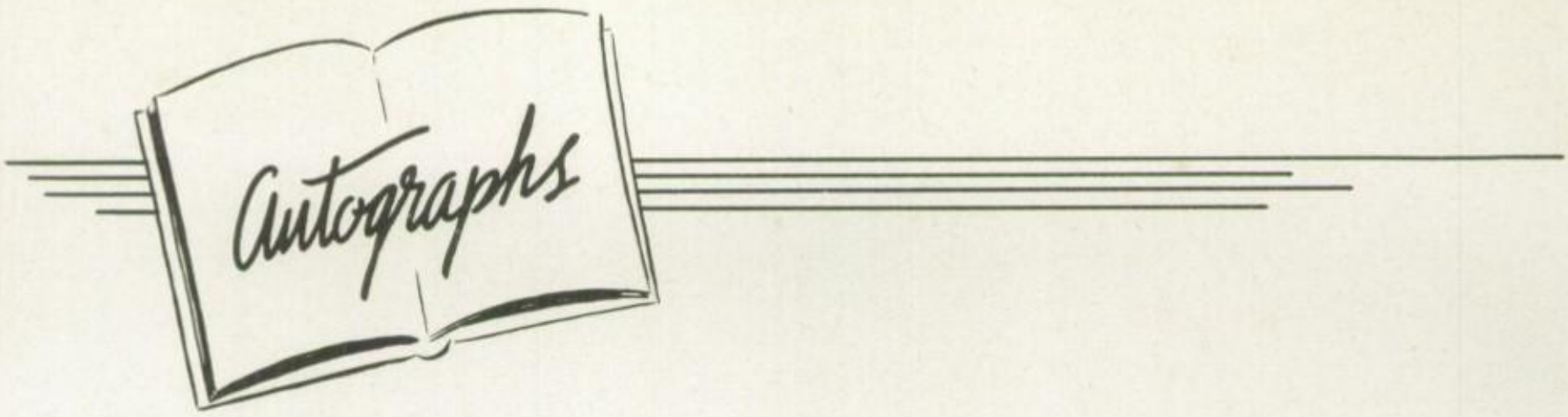
Sports

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Senior Stars

Dave Hodgen

Bob Morse

Lee Miner

Basketball '53-'54

Bill Hubbard

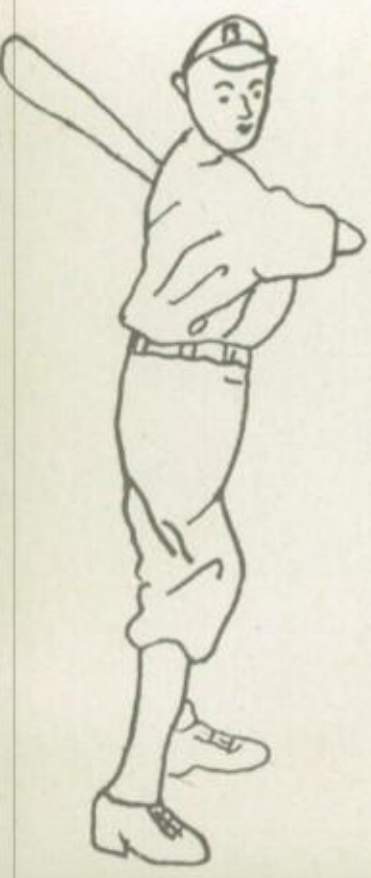
*Local and County winner of the March of Dimes Free Foul shooting contest

*Bob Lindquist

VARSITY

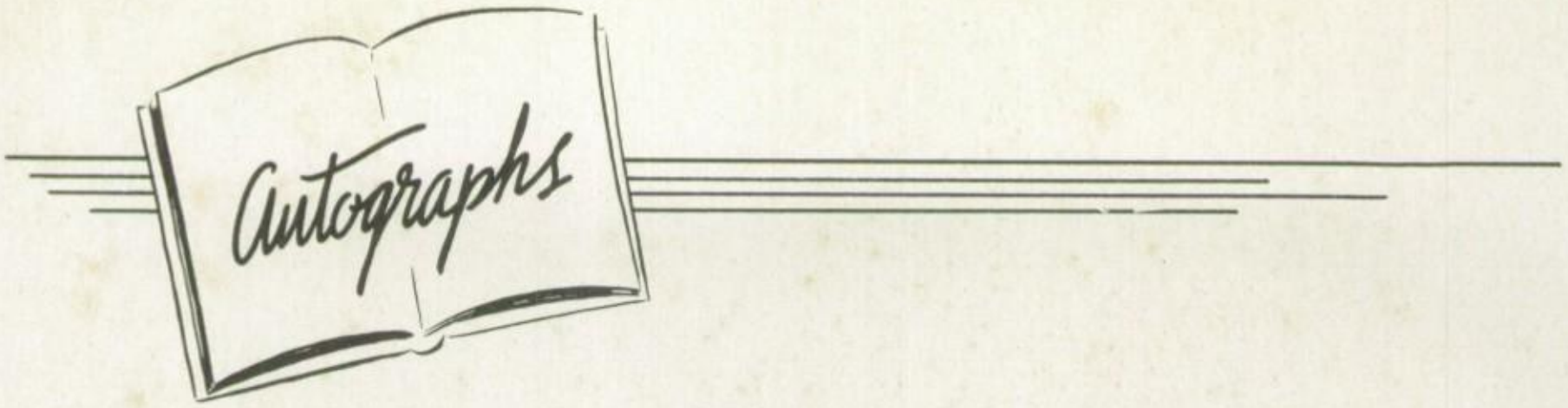
J. VARSITY

CHEERLEADERS



BASEBALL

Features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Our Class History

In the fall of 1950 we entered the high school rather meek and fearful. Immediately we elected class officers who were,

President-------Bob Lindquist
Vice President--Bill Hubbard
Secretary-------Lois Rhodes
Treasurer-------Bob Morse
Class Reporter--Leda Boudreau
Adviser---------Mrs. Jackson

In early October we sponsored a hobby show which was very successful. Then, after having been initiated, we became full fledged members of B.H.S. We all took part in the short play which our class presented for the Christmas party. In February we busily set out to have a Valentine Dance better than ever before. Of course, we all were members of the chorus which sang at graduation.

At the beginning of our Sophomore year, we elected the following class officers:

President-------Bob Lindquist
Vice President--Bob Morse
Secretary-------Ann Young
Treasurer-------Bill Hubbard
Class Reporter--Madeline Fitzgerald
Adviser---------Miss Hudson

Our comic entry in the Fair Day parade won us second prize. Three short skits. were our contribution to the Christmas party this year. In June we ordered our class rings. We sponsored the Senior Reception which everyone enjoyed.

As Juniors, we elected the following officers:

President-------Bob Morse
Vice President--Dave Hodgen
Secretary-------Bernice Mish
Treasurer-------Bill Hubbard
Class Reporter--Madeline Fitzgerald
Adviser---------Mrs. LeGrand

Our first big undertaking this year was the Junior Stand. We all took part in making it a big success. At Christmas we presented a pageant which everyone agreed was very beautiful. Since the Juniors publish the third issue of the ORACLE, a staff was chosen.

Editors-in-chief-----Bob Lindquist, Lois Rhodes
Business Manager-----Bob Morse
Literary Editor------Madeline Fitzgerald
Sports Editor--------John Morrow
Art Editor-----------Nancy Booth
News Editor----------Don Dugre
Alumni Editor--------Bernice Mish

It was now time for the long awaited Junior Prom. We chose as our theme Stardust and the hall was beautifully decorated to fit the occasion. Blanchette Eaton was May Queen and her attendants were Betsy Brown, Shirley Cutting, Elaine Bentley, and Nancy Booth. In the spring we had a very successful paper drive and many of us were in the school chorus which sang at the music festival in Turners Fall. At graduation eleven members of our class received Pro Merito pins.

As Seniors, we elected the following class officers:

President-------Dave Hodgen
Vice President--Leland Miner
Secretary-------Bob Lindquist
Treasurer-------Bill Hubbard
Class Reporter--Madeline Fitzgerald
Adviser---------Mrs. LeGrand

We got busy right away by having an initiation dance and a paper drive. Our float, depicting the scene of Pocahontas and John Smith, won us third prize in the Fair Day parade. We soon elected a yearbook staff which included:

Editor-in-Chief------Lois Rhodes
Business Manager-----Bob Morse
Photography----------Don Bock
Art Editor-----------Nancy Booth
Literary Editor------Ann Young
Sports Editor--------Bill Hubbard
News Editor----------Bob Lindquist
Type Editor----------Esther Pierce

In October class pictures were taken by Brown Studio. Our next project was the Sadie Hawkins Dance which everyone supported. Bernice Mish headed the Christmas card drive in which all the Seniors worked very hard. For the Christmas party, the whole class took part in a pageant. Mrs. Tague's Problems of Democracy Class sponsored a mock election for the school to choose a Senior to represent B.H.S. at Boston on Student Government Day. In a close contest Dave Hodgen defeated Betsy Brown. After finally choosing "June Mad" as our class play, the following cast was chosen:

Penny Wood----------Shirley Cutting
Chuck Harris---------David Hodgen
Mrs. Wood------------Madeline Fitzgerald
Elmer Tuttle---------John Morrow
Dr. Wood-------------Billy King
Effie----------------Esther Pierce
Milly Lou------------Ann Young
G. Mervyn Roberts----Bob Morse
Roger Van Vleck------Bob Lindquist
Mr. Harris-----------Leland Miner
Shirley Wentworth----Nancy Booth
Ralph Wentworth------Charles Bush
Julie Harris---------Bernice Mish

The other class members worked hard on the following projects:

Property Manager-----------Clifford McGinnis
Assistant Property Manager--Bill Hubbard
Prompter-------------------Blanchette Eaton
Business Manager-----------Lois Rhodes
Costumes and Make-up-------Betsy Brown
Refreshments---------------Elaine Bentley
Ushers---------------------Donald Dugre
Pictures-------------------Donald Bock
Curtain Manager------------Conrad Kirby

By the combined efforts of all the play was a great success. On the morning of April 24 we left on our long awaited class trip during which we visited such famous places as: Empire State Building, Washington Monument, Radio City Music Hall, United Nations Building, and F.B.I. Building. We arrived home tired but eager to start preparations for graduation.

Our Class Will

Our class is now ready to leave school
And since willing treasures has long been a rule
Here is a list of items so precious
We leave our friends for we can't take them with us

From Bob Lindquist for Pete Allen remains
A basketball book for all of the games.
A piano to play school music so deft'
From M. Fitzgerald for J. Labroad is left.
Ann Young has willed a private telephone
To Sandra Rhodes to end troubles at home.
Some shiny new scissors Esther Pierce will leave
To Mrs. LeGrand--for those she'll never retrieve.
Bob Morse gives a book on "What's Wrong With Women"
To Clif Dyer--we hope that it will help him.
A book of excuses Don Dugre hands down
To John Garvan so he may wander through town.
For Barbara Squires from Blanchette Eaton remains
Her ticket-selling job at basketball games.
Nancy Booth gives her job as Blanchette's assistant
To M. Russell--who'll be good cause she's persistent.
Leland Miner offers to give Richard Knight
An alarm clock so he'll get to school all right.
To bequeath some sneakers is Billy King's aim
To our principal for the next faculty game.
Betsy Brown would like to give Mrs. Tague
Two shiny ear plugs--they'll be a good aid.
Donald Bock wants to bequeath his curly hair
To M. Booth--now her locks won't cause any care.
Elaine Bentley offers to Marilyn Bullough
Some type paper to use when Mrs. LeGrand says,"No."
A basket weaving set is left by Dave Hodgen
For the girls' team--now winning won't be a problem.
His truck to be used next year on paper drives
From Clif McGinnis for Norm Forest survives.
Conrad Kirby offers to Harold Norman
His seat in Problems which he seldom stayed in.
From Billy Hubbard for George Dupont has been left
His crew Cut which it took so long to get.
A car to transport all of the kids around
Is given by Charles Bush to Frankie Towne.
To Donny Camp is left a voice so clear
From John Morrow--who's one we love to hear.
To Mary and Patty Socha and Joyce Dupuis
L. Rhodes, S. Cutting, and B. Mish leave willingly
Some souvenirs from the Statue of Liberty
Washington Monument and Empire State Building.

To all underclassmen, our footsteps we leave
To walk our ways in fond memories.

Our Prophecy

Bill King will build a rocketship
To travel in the breeze
And then he'll travel to the moon
To see if it's made of cheese.

Don Dugre plans to cure the sick
We don't know if he will
We hope its not the people
But the diseases he's going to kill.

Blanchette is going to represent the U.S.
In the next Olympic Meet
To race against the Champions
This ought to be a treat.

Bernice is going to lady wrestle
With every pro across the state
So when you watch your T V
Look for "Toe Hold" Mish the Great.

Now Nancy will be a great designer
To be known in every nation
And will create new types of clothes
She'll be quite a new sensation.

Cliff McGinnis of our class
Or "Red" as he is known
Is going to get married
And a Texas ranch he'll own.

Shirley is going to be a model
And show off brand new cars
Or else be wrapped in cellophane
Advertising cigars.

Lee is going to invent a new type of grass
That you won't have to mow
You just bury the seed down five feet
So it will not be able to grow.

Her first chance to go to Boston
Esther is going to grab
She wants to work for Checker
Driving taxi cabs.

Lois is going to be an auctioneer
Where she will really "holler"
And she'll also have a three piece band
And be a square dance caller.

Madeline will have her own business
In every state she'll have a branch
Yes she'll make a lot of money
Owning the world's largest mink ranch.

Ann Young is going to be a steeplejack
And climb the spires high
And swing around on the ropes
Trying to attract some guy.

Charles is going to be a frogman
And search the oceans deep
For gold, silver, and other riches
This boy wants nothing cheap.

Bob is going to be a doctor
He has already got a nurse
This doctor really is prepared
Because he's also got a hearse.

Betsy is going to join the circus
And she'll do quite well
In the little tent of hers
Where she'll fortune tell.

John is going to be on the radio
For he's interested in sports
He is going to be a commentator
And give baseball reports.

Connie's going to own an express company
Which will not keep him poor
You'll probably never see him go by
But you'll hear his mighty roar.

Bob is going to be another Ziegfeld
And hire chorus girls
Which he will attract
With his bleached blond curls.

Elaine is going to swim
From the U.S. to Spain
Then by way of the Pacific
She'll swim back home again.

Around the world he's going to go
Yes that's what they tell Davey
And it won't cost him a red cent
For he's going to join the Navy.

Bill Hubbard is going to keep on racing
But it will not be with cars
He's going to run a rocket ship
Between the earth and Mars.

Don Bock is always taking snap shots
At ev-ery affair
And he can also handle a shot gun
When he goes a hunting bear.

June Mad

"Oh, that my blood were water, thou athirst."

"It's too--too priceless!"

"Petticoat, Effie!"

"Chuck Harris, you dare come back and talk about"

"You called me Mrs. Wood?"

"She stepped into a gopher hole with her other foot."

"I believe you're taking me in to dinner!"

"All right all right! If you'll just stop bawling!"

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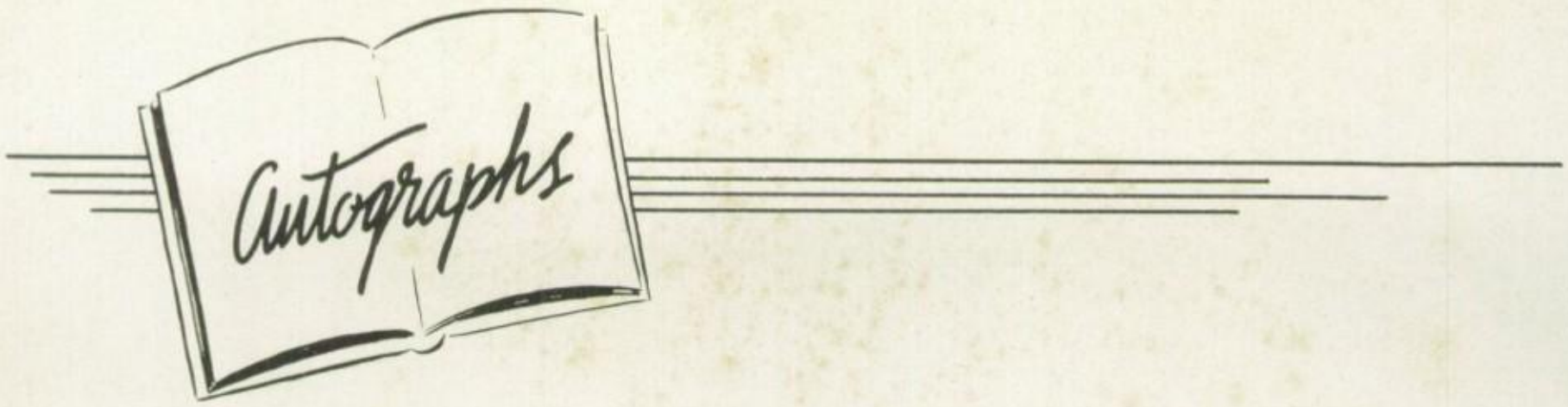
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Our Benefactors

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Palmer National Bank Mamber of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.	Main Street Palmer, Mass.
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Belchertown, Mass.

Cohen's Fashion Shop
Ladies'and Gent's Clothes
Ware, Mass.

Bolles Shoe Store
Shoes for the Entire Family
Open Friday Till 9
Amherst, Mass.

Brown Studio
School Photographer
Worthington Street
Springfield, Mass.

Zabek Motors
New Dodge and Plymouth Cars
Tel. Palmer 1190
Palmer, Mass.

Anna R. Gold Insurance Agency
Insurance at its best
Jabish Street
Belchertown, Mass.

University Motors
Sales and Service
College Street
Amherst Mass.

Hastings
Newspaper Stand
Amherst, Mass.

Myers
PACEMAKERS OF QUALITY
YEARBOOKS
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